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Town of Paradise
Camp Fire Media Release

November 9, 2018

1:00 p.m.

The Fire is approx. 70,000 acres and 5% contained.

Town Hall has been evacuated and the EOC has relocated to Chico.

All Paradise Zones are under Immediate Evacuation Order.

Phones and internet appear to be down in Paradise and Verizon has confirmed they lost a fiber connection which caused nine towers to go down. There is no water or power currently in the Town. The situation is currently being evaluated by the different agencies to determine the amount of loss and when services would be restored.

Paradise Town Hall will be relocated to the City of Chico offices located at 421 Main Street. An Emergency Declaration has been declared by the Town of Paradise and the State of California. FEMA will be assessing the situation to offer assistance. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

A list of business still standing is being compiled and will be released as soon as the information is confirmed.

All the schools in Butte County will be closed the week of November 12-16 due to poor air quality.

Shelters are open at the following locations:

- Oroville Church of Nazarene (2238 Monte Vista Ave, Oroville
- Neighborhood Church (2801 Notre Dame) in Chico
- Gridley Fair Grounds in Gridley 199 E Hazel St.
- Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, CA
- Glenn County Fairgrounds, 221 East Yolo Street, Orland, CA
- Chico Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA
- Chester Memorial Hall

Small animals may be taken to 2279 Del Oro in Oroville – 4-H Development Center

Large Animals may be taken to the Rolling Hills Casino at 2655 Everette Freeman Way Corning, CA

Silver Dollar Fair Grounds is **not** an evacuation center

The Call Center Phone number is 879-3707 and 879-3709.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: 1-530-879-3700 - Paradise EOC PIO line

Date: November 16, 2018

Town of Paradise to Host Vigil Sunday, November 18

Community gathering to remember those who we have lost, celebrate community heroes, and support neighbors in need

Chico, Calif – The Town of Paradise is strong and resilient. We are currently in the midst of the worst disaster our town has ever experienced. As we band together, the best of us is coming out - our resilience, strength and downright grit; our kindness, decency and generosity; and above all, our essential humanity.

Together, we will survive, we will rise and we will recover. Town of Paradise residents are invited to join a vigil Sunday afternoon to honor the lives we have lost and mourn the tragedy our community has experienced.

The observance will be drop-in hours, giving residents the chance to quietly reflect, bring photos or mementos of lost friends, family and pets and talk with counselors and mental health experts or sit quietly and pray. There will be a short candlelight vigil the first 10 minutes of each hour (4:10, 5:10, 6:10 pm).

While media is free to attend the vigil, there will be a mandatory media staging area outside of the vigil room to respect the privacy of grieving residents. Media will have a coordinated, timed walkthrough of the memorial area at the end of the timeframe.

While there will be tough days ahead, there is absolutely no question that we'll get through this. We're rebuilding together because we are Paradise and we are Paradise Strong.

Event Details:

What: Town of Paradise Vigil for those we have lost

When: Sunday, November 18

- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. – open hours
- Candlelight Vigil the first 10 minutes of each hour (4:10, 5:10, 6:10 pm)

Where: First Christian Church of Chico: 295 E Washington Ave, Chico, CA 95926

Parking: Parking available on site, on the street and in the adjacent school lot. Bus stop at Oleander Ave & E. Sacramento Ave is just one block from the church

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For Immediate Release

November 19, 2018

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Multiple Agencies Act to Prepare for Potential Post-Fire Floods and Debris Flows

National Weather Service issued Flash Flood Watch for Butte County Camp Fire November 21-23

Multiple state, regional, and local agencies are preparing for the potential impacts of storm weather in wildfire-impacted areas within Butte County and want to ensure community members are also prepared.

The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch in effect from Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning for the Camp Fire in Butte County. Rainfall over the burn areas is possible at times.

Properties impacted by the wildfires, and downstream of those areas, are at risk for flash flooding, mudflows and debris flows during periods of intense rainfall. Wildfires can alter the terrain and soil conditions reducing the capacity for the ground to absorb water creating conditions for these type of hazards. In addition, creeks and streams within burned watersheds have elevated risk of flooding, mud, and debris flows due to increased rain runoff and potential for sediment to fill channels and block culverts.

Road maintenance crews from Butte County and the Town of Paradise – in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Transportation, and California Conservation Corps – are all working collaboratively to assess and reduce the risk of flooding and flow of ash from hardscape areas.

The mutual goal of this effort is to protect human life and critical infrastructure (bridges, roads, culverts, and flood protection facilities), wildlife, and the natural environment including streams and waterways. Efforts include:

- Cleaning and checking culverts
- Installing straw wattles and other best management practices around burn scar areas with high concentrations of ash within the Town of Paradise to prevent debris from entering waterways
- Preparing crews to monitor areas of potential risks during the weather event to keep storm drains clear of sediment and debris

The National Weather Service Flash Flood Watch also advised that those traveling along portions of Highway 70 and the Skyway in Butte County should be alert for possible road problems due to flooding, rock, and debris flows. Residents in Butte County who have repopulated areas within the burn scar, or those who are downstream of that area, are reminded to remain vigilant and follow these steps:

- **Sign up for Emergency Mass Notifications** – Visit Buttecounty.net/MassNotification to receive urgent alerts via phone call, text message or email.
- **Be aware of your risk** – Pay attention to weather forecasts and those in low-lying areas should remain aware of your surroundings at all times. Listen to local authorities.
- **Be prepared** – Prepare an evacuation plan. Always have an emergency evacuation kit ready and be prepared to evacuate early. Tips are available at www.ready.gov.
- **Take action** – Don't wait to evacuate if flooding or a mud flow appears imminent. Don't walk or drive through flood waters.

For more information on current weather updates, visit the National Weather Service at weather.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 21, 2018

**HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES HAZARD ADVISORY WARNING AGAINST
HABITATION OF DESTROYED PROPERTY**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Dr. Andy Miller, Butte County Health Officer, has issued a hazard advisory strongly suggesting no habitation of destroyed property until property is declared clear of hazardous waste and structural ash and debris by Butte County Environmental Health. There is evidence from recent fires in California that homes and property destroyed by fire contain high and concerning levels of heavy metals, lead, mercury, dioxin, arsenic, and other carcinogens. Some property may have the presence of radio-active materials. Exposure to hazardous substances may lead to acute and chronic health effects, and may cause long-term public health and environmental impacts.

As areas affected by the fire with destroyed homes and property are opened to residents, residents will have limited access to visit property to collect recognizable belongings and mementoes that may have survived the fire. Residents should review the Health and Safety Precaution for Re-entry packet, which will be distributed at controlled re-entry checkpoints.

The County is working with State and Federal partners who will assess each property for hazardous waste and remove those materials from each property. This process will take time. There is no estimate as to how long it will take to assess and remove hazardous materials from each property at this time. After the property has been cleared of hazardous waste, the property owner can sign-up for a State debris removal program at no cost to the property owner.

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Media Contact: Lisa Almaguer, PIO for Butte County Public Health (530) 966-1686

Media Note: Dr. Miller will be available for interviews after the 6pm press conference this evening. Press Conference: Harvest Hall, Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. 11/21/18 at 6 pm.



TOWN OF PARADISE
BUTTE COUNTY

For Immediate Release

November 22, 2018

Media Contact:

Butte County Joint Information Center (JIC) Media Line: 530.552.3100

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Aerial Imagery Maps of Some Burn Areas in Town of Paradise Now Available

Detailed aerial imagery maps of damaged properties in most of the burn areas in the Town of Paradise are now available to view at www.BatteCountyRecovers.org/Maps.

Video surveys and 360 degree drone panoramas of all major roads in the Town of Paradise can also be accessed on this webpage.

The imagery was captured by a multiagency task force of public safety drone teams at the request of the Butte County Sheriff's Office. The agencies involved were authorized to fly in wildfire conditions under an emergency waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The purpose of this imagery is to provide valuable information to the search and recovery teams on the ground, multiple agencies coordinating response, and to the residents of the community impacted by the Camp Fire. While the teams tried to capture imagery for most property damage in the Town of Paradise burn areas, the map is not comprehensive.

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TOWN OF PARADISE BUTTE COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 27, 2018

Butte County Recovery Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Pleasant Valley High School Performing Arts Center
1475 East Ave, Chico CA

Notes: Free Parking
First Come, First Served

Butte County and the Town of Paradise are partnering with other local, state, and federal agencies to host a community meeting for residents impacted by the fire.

Representatives from multiple agencies coordinating recovery efforts will be present to offer information and answer questions from the community. Please arrive early as the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. The meeting will also be live streamed on the [Cal OES Facebook page](#).

For current information and to sign up for email updates, please visit ButteCountyRecovers.org. Community members can also subscribe to email updates by texting "BCRECOVERS" to 22828.



TOWN OF PARADISE
BUTTE COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 29, 2018

Community Meeting Planned for Nov. 29 Canceled Due to Flash Flooding

Chico, Calif. – The Butte County Recovery Community Meeting planned for tonight at the Pleasant Valley High School Performing Arts Center at 7pm, is canceled. Due to the extension of the Flash Flood Warning, the recent heavy rain activity, the areas currently under an evacuation orders/warnings, and the advisement of the Butte County Sheriff to stay off the roadways, this meeting will be postponed.

Flash flooding is impacting areas near Chico and Durham, see <http://www.ButteCounty.net> for details on evacuations and road closures. Motorist should avoid flooded areas. Residents in the area should stay off the roads if they are in a safe location.

The community meeting will be rescheduled and shared on <http://buttecountycovers.org/events>.

Please be prepared for winter driving conditions if you must travel.

For further information, contact:

Butte County Recovery Media Line (530) 552-3100



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 15, 2018

All Remaining Evacuation Orders Lifted for the Camp Fire Area

On, Saturday 12/15/2018 beginning at 9:00 AM, all remaining evacuation orders for the Town of Paradise (Zones 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13) and the unincorporated area of Butte County (Morgan Ridge B Zone) will be lifted for residents only for 24 hours. Residents will need to show identification or proof of residency to access the area. The restrictions for non-residents will be lifted at 9:00 AM on 12/16/2018.

Travel Routes for Re-entry

Residents should use the routes listed below to reduce traffic congestion and to facilitate an orderly re-entry process.

Town of Paradise

- Skyway – Residents are to use Skyway for entry to Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 4, Zone 5, and Zone 9.
- Clark Road - Residents are to use Clark Road for entry to Zone 6, Zone 7, Zone 12, and Zone 13.
- Neal Road - Residents are to use Neal Road Zone 10, and Zone 11.

Residential and commercial properties along the Pentz Road corridor in zones 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 may be identified through the [Town of Paradise website](#).

Unincorporated Butte County – Morgan Ridge B Zone

- Clark Road - Residents will need to access their properties in the Morgan Ridge B Zone by using Pearson Road from Clark Road.

All residents are encouraged to check the on-line Evacuation Map at www.ButteCountyRecovers.org/evacuationmap to see if their residence falls within the lifted areas and view all evacuation statuses.

Please note that Pentz Road is not a recommended entry point. Pentz Road will remain open for the evacuation zones that are already open, and for access to Magalia.

Health and Safety Precautions

Residents need to be aware that the area being lifted may have very limited services. Prior to returning home, residents are encouraged to take steps to ensure they have food, water, and fuel for their vehicles. Residents are advised not to use generators to power buildings or structures due to potential back feeding of electrical lines.

Utilities personnel and tree crews are still actively working in the area. Please reduce speeds and drive with caution, traffic delays are to be expected.



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The Butte County Health Officer has issued a hazard advisory strongly suggesting no habitation of destroyed property until property is declared clear of hazardous waste and structural ash and debris by Butte County Environmental Health. Additionally, there are increased risks for flash flooding, mud flows and debris flow in fire-impacted areas and snow in higher elevations. Residents are advised to review information at the following link, prior to visiting their property: <https://buttecountyrecovers.org/re-entry/>

Butte County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit
(530) 871-9440

Paradise Police Department Media Information
(530) 872-6241



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 12-31-18 MEDIA CONTACT NUMBER: 530-990-3827

PRESS RELEASE

TOWN OF PARADISE SERVICES AT TOWN HALL

As of 1-2-19, Town of Paradise Building Department will begin limited services at the Town Hall location in Paradise. Citizens will be able to obtain their records related to their properties.

When will Town Hall be open?

Starting on Wednesday January 2, 2019 the Building Department in Town Hall will be staffed to make available property records from 8 am to 12 pm.

What services will be available?

Town of Paradise Building Department will be at the location preparing requests for septic system plans and other similar property records requests.

Do I need to go to Town Hall to make a request?

No, the preferred method of making a property records request will be via email. The requests can be sent to townofparadisestaff@gmail.com

How do I look up my Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)?

Your APN can be located via the Parcel Look-Up Tool found on the Butte County Assessor's webpage at <https://www.buttecounty.net/dds/Planning/Documents/Parcel-Lookup-Tool>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA CONTACT: 530-519-8559

Date: January 4, 2019

Preparedness for Rain After Wildfires

In preparation for anticipated rain this winter, people who live in burned areas, or downhill of burned areas, should be aware of increased risks for:

- **Flash Flooding:** Normally, rainfall is absorbed by vegetation and soils, reducing runoff. However, wildfires remove vegetation and may leave soil unable to absorb water, creating flash flood conditions. Flood risk remains significantly higher until vegetation is restored—up to 5 years after a wildfire.
- **Mud and Debris Flows:** Debris and ash, along with other sediments, can be picked up in flood waters and form mud and debris flows.

Here are some things property owners in burned areas, or downstream of burned areas, can do to prevent or report flooding or debris issues:

- Install straw wattles to prevent debris, ash and erosion from flowing into waterways.
- If you see something (flooding, mud and debris flows), say something – call 911
- Monitor your surroundings, and have an emergency plan in place.
- Stay informed: Listen to local radio stations, and sign up for CodeRed alerts. Make sure that the emergency alerts on your cell phone are activated (on smart phones, go to "Notifications" and make sure the Emergency Alerts notification is turned on).
- Sand Bags are available in the Paradise Town Hall Parking Lot, 5555 Skyway.

The Town of Paradise is preparing for the potential impacts of the recent wildfires on urban and rural communities. The Town's Public Works Department is working in conjunction with partnering agencies are taking action to protect private property and critical infrastructure with the following actions:

- Town of Paradise Public Works are cleaning and checking storm drains, and installing straw wattles and sandbags to prevent debris from entering storm drains.
- In rural areas, the California Conservation Corps is checking and installing debris-capture devices in culverts and ditches along rural roadways.

- The Paradise Recreation and Parks District are assessing their properties within the burned areas for hazardous conditions including downed and damaged trees and areas where erosion may affect streams and watersheds.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA CONTACT: 530-588-5818

Date: January 10, 2019

PRESS RELEASE

Town of Paradise Animal Control

Town of Paradise Animal Control shelter is open for service at its location at 925 American Way in Paradise. Hours for the shelter are 11am to 3pm Tuesday through Saturday. To contact Animal Control for questions related to Animal Control issues in the Town of Paradise and services at the Shelter call 530-872-6275.

Town of Paradise Animal Control is providing Paradise residents with pet food at no cost. The food can be picked up at 920 American Way from 11am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday.

The effort to locate and reunite residents with their pets is continuing and Town of Paradise Animal Control is committed to working with animal advocacy organizations who are working on this re-unification effort. The Town of Paradise appreciates the effort and time dedicated to helping the animals who survived the Camp Fire by individuals who have taken a proactive approach to aiding in this re-unification effort. To help the reunification process remain centralized we ask that proactive individuals coordinate their efforts with the Town of Paradise Animal Control. Animals found in Paradise should be brought to the shelter so they may be scanned for a microchip identification tag. We also ask that before conducting rescue activities on private property all efforts to contact the property owners and gain their permission be made. Again, we are committed to continuing our efforts to rescue and reunite the displaced pets with their efforts and will continue to work with the many supportive organizations and individuals who share our passion for animals.

The Town of Paradise Animal Control is accepting monetary donations to help support its operations. For further information related to monetary donations to Paradise Animal Control Shelter please direct all correspondence via mail to 925 American Way or call 530-872-6291 X121 .